**2021 *Health Disparities Report***

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The health and well-being of many Americans have improved significantly over recent decades. However, health disparities continue to exist across a broad range of social, economic, racial and ethnic, geographic and gender groups. In some instances, disparities have grown in recent years, shortening lives and profoundly impacting our collective health and well-being.

For more than 30 years, *America’s Health Rankings®* has assessed the nation’s health and provided data-driven insights to support better health outcomes and build healthier communities. The inaugural *America’s Health RankingsHealth Disparities Report*, produced by the United Health Foundation, documents the **breadth, depth and persistence** **of health disparities** across the nation by providing objective data to inform action for advancing health equity. It measures the magnitude of health disparities by educational attainment, gender, geography and race and ethnicity for the nation, all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The report finds that while the country has made some notable health improvements in recent years, deep and widespread disparities persist — and in some instances, have grown. For example, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the nation made progress in improving the uninsured rate, infant mortality and severe housing problems. However, not all populations experienced these improvements equally. The report additionally finds wide disparities in mental health and chronic disease, as well as worsening rates of food insecurity and maternal mortality. It also explores the strong connection between education and health.

Achieving the highest level of health for all people will require communities, states and the nation to understand and identify how disparities impact the health of everyone. We invite you to use the data in the inaugural *America’s Health Rankings Health Disparities Report* to identify and address the **breadth, depth and persistence of health disparities** affecting the health and well-being of Americans in states and communities across the U.S.

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